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News flash

SSSCs, CIFs closing June 23-27

The Self Service Supply Centers in Baumholder and Hanau will be closed June 23-27 for inventory. The Central Issue Facilities in Baumholder, Hanau, Wiesbaden, Giessen and Friedberg will also be closed June 23-27 for inventory. All facilities will re-open June 30 with normal operating hours.

Thrift Savings Plan open season

Open season to elect to contribute to or change options in the Thrift Savings Plan runs through June 30. The current limit on donations is no more than eight percent of the annual salary for CSRS employees and 13 percent for FERS employees. The total employee contribution can't exceed \$12,000 per year. For more information visit the www.tsp.gov or www.abc.army.mil websites. (Courtesy of the Hanau CPAC)

Online Customs help available

A new online Customs briefing aims to make Permanent Change of Station moves even smoother for people shipping household goods stateside. People shipping property to the United States can find the briefing at www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/briefing.htm. The website has a list of prohibited and restricted items, and information on requirements for shipping items such as firearms, mopeds and gambling devices. (IMA-E Public Affairs)

Prescription drugs

Retirees who live overseas can now get prescription drugs at their Army Post Office address via the Tricare Mail Order Pharmacy program in packages that weigh over 16 ounces. As of May 21 the weight limit imposed on retiree mail received through U.S. military post offices no longer applies to TMOP prescription drugs. The 16-ounce limit remains in place for other types of packages. This exception allows retirees overseas to order and receive 90-day supplies of prescription drugs. Larger prescription orders are generally more economical and convenient for many TMOP customers. Packages of prescription drugs received from "Express Scripts, Inc.," the sole supplier of prescription drugs for the TMOP, will be forwarded to retiree APO addresses regardless of weight. For more information about the TMOP program browse to www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy. (Tricare-Europe Release)



Photo by Karl Weisel

Reaching out to dad in Southwest Asia

Hanau Army Community Service outreach coordinator Katherine Lawlor helps Holly Kennedy, age 10, work on a Father's Day card for her dad who is deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. See page 23 for the story. Soldiers, family members and civilians have a wide range of opportunities for exciting adventures this summer. See stories throughout this edition of the *Herald Union*.

Issues head to Army level

From USAREUR Army Family Action Plan conference

By Bob Purtiman

U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs Office

There is always room for improvement, even for institutions the size of the Department of the Army.

In existence for 19 years the USAREUR Army Family Action Plan recently wrapped up its annual conference in Heidelberg. The next step is the Army-wide conference in November.

Out of this conference eight issues were prioritized into the Army Europe Plan. They

are:

- ⇒ Command sponsorship and family travel
- ⇒ Military spouse preference
- ⇒ Deduction of Basic Allowance for Subsistence
- ⇒ Supported personnel accounting in Army Stationing and Installation Plans data
- ⇒ Bereavement Leave
- ⇒ Department of Defense Child and Youth Services fee structure
- ⇒ Guidance counselors in Department of Defense Dependents Schools
- ⇒ DoDDS staff evaluation program.

The AFAP program has been a success according to Ricky Gibbons, Installation Management Agency-Europe Region, Army Community Service chief.

"Out of the AFAP conferences there have been 82 changes in legislation," she explained. "Over 130 Department of Defense instructions and Army regulations have been changed; 140 other programs have been changed or implemented.

"AFAP is probably the premier grassroots program of the entire DoD," she said. "Mili-

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"Get out and travel — enjoy the country," was Leah Thurman's advice for summer adventure. See page 2.



Adventures with AFRC

Don't miss the last summer to enjoy recreation programs at AFRC Chiemsee. See pages 14 and 15.



Run or walk

Fun runs and family walks abound. See page 28.

Commentary

Feedback: What are your summer plans? Any advice for other readers?



Tiffany Muller
Aukamm Elementary School
registrar/secretary

"My husband and I are going to Venice. He just got back — and hopefully Athens. We haven't booked that one yet. We're going to spend as much money as we can, but with the exchange rate so low that won't be much. (My tip is to) get out and enjoy all of Europe."



Spc. Brianna Love
Headquarters and Headquarters Company,
501st Forward Support Battalion

"I am in the military so I have to work during the summer. If I had time I would travel a lot to get to see some of the sights. I advise others to go out and travel if they have some time."



Michelle Rutledge
Baumholder family member

"My four children and I are planning on going back to the States for the summer. For those who are staying here I would suggest the Kusel pool just down the road, and there's a really cool water park in Mannheim ... just getting out and seeing Germany."



Catherine Ward
Gen. H.H. Arnold High School junior

"I'm planning on moving to Kansas because of the Army. The best is to just relax for the time you're off from school and don't worry about anything."



Amy Brown
Giessen Arts and Crafts

"Since my husband and I both have to work we will take the kids on the weekends, just get in the car and start driving. We would like to see some of the local castles and try new restaurants. In September the two of us will go to London. I advise others to go and try to see as much as they can while they are here."

Play an active role in preventing drunk driving

Commentary by Gary W. Helmer
104th Area Support Group Safety Office

Drivers age 15-20 account for 6.8 percent (12.7 million) of the total drivers in the United States, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. In 2000, 3,594 15-20-year-old drivers lost their lives in crashes while another 348,000 were injured.

Alcohol is a key risk factor for drivers of all ages. In 2000 the NHTSA reported that 21 percent of drivers 15-20 years old who died in crashes were intoxicated. Three percent of those involved in accidents causing property damage were inebriated.

These figures represent a huge decrease from previous years where alcohol and young drivers were concerned. The number of 15-20-year-olds involved in fatal crashes decreased 38 percent from 1990 to 2000.

Many attribute the change in the drinking age laws in most states as the essential factor. All the same, the change did not occur overnight. In fact during the Vietnam era some states even lowered the age to legally drink.

Real change did not begin until 1984 when Congress passed the Uniform Drinking Age Act. This law formally told the states that if they didn't increase the legal age, they would lose portions of their federal highway construction funding. Within a short period many states began raising the legal age limit for alcohol consumption. Now all 50 states and the District of Columbia have a 21-year-old minimum drinking age.

Research indicates the changes in the laws have reduced youth drinking and driving for two reasons. Youngsters fear losing their licenses if caught driving while intoxicated, and the laws reinforce the public's overall disapproval of drinking and driving.

All too often we read or hear about accidents or tragedies involving alcohol. We need to get involved at all levels — as parents, teachers, peers, supervisors and friends. As adults we need to communicate with our children to:

- ☞ Explain the facts about alcohol and what it does to them physically and emotionally.
- ☞ Tell them how it impairs their judgment and decision-making abilities.
- ☞ Teach them about alcohol use and abuse.
- ☞ Show them ways to have fun that do not involve alcohol.
- ☞ Support them by being a proper role model.

We also need to explain the legal consequences of drinking and driving which could result in:

- ☞ Loss of driving privileges;
- ☞ Revocation of licenses;
- ☞ Criminal prosecution; and
- ☞ Lawsuits.

We all know someone who has been killed or injured by an event related to alcohol consumption. We can personalize this information for our children to get them to understand the reality of the issue.

There are a number of programs available to aid parents and educators in this process. Among them are SADD or Students Against Destructive Decisions (formerly known as Students Against Drunk Driving). The first SADD chapter was formed in 1984 and the

organization has grown rapidly to well over 16,000 chapters nationwide. Their website is listed below and contains a lot of information about youth and alcohol related problems.

Mothers Against Drunk Drivers is another well known organization dedicated to the preservation of children. The group has had a positive impact on changing the minimum drinking age laws nationwide.

The NHTSA gathers statistics and analyzes trends in driving behaviors. Their website can be found below also.

Schools are letting out for the summer and many young drivers will be taking to the road. Most will drive responsibly, adhering to traffic laws and not taking any unnecessary risks. There are some however who will bend the rules and others who will ignore them outright.

Never miss the opportunity to explain the pitfalls of alcohol and its effects on driving.

Websites to cruise

- ☞ U.S. Army Safety Center: <http://safety.army.mil>
- ☞ National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: www.nhtsa.dot.gov
- ☞ Students Against Destructive Decisions: www.saddonline.com
- ☞ Emergency Medical Services Authority: www.emsaonline.com/impaired_teenagedrinking.html
- ☞ Insurance Institute for Highway Safety: www.iihs.org/safety_facts/qanda/underage.htm
- ☞ Mothers Against Drunk Drivers: www.madd.org
- ☞ National Organizations for Youth Safety: www.noys.org
- ☞ Programs to Fight Teen Drinking and Driving: www.realsolutions.org/famtalk6.htm
- ☞ Healthlink: Medical College of Wisconsin: <http://healthlink.mcw.edu/article/901290526.html>
- ☞ University of Iowa Healthcare: www.uihealthcare.com/topics/alcoholproblems/alco4138.html



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News and features

News flash

CID seeks agents

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command seeks qualified soldiers interested in becoming criminal investigators. Agents are trained at the U.S. Army Military Police School. Investigators also have the opportunity to get advanced law enforcement training at the FBI National Academy, the Canadian Police College and at George Washington University where they can earn a master's degree in forensic science. To apply and qualify for service as a CID special agent, applicants must be U.S. citizens, at least 21 years old, a sergeant or below with at least two years of service and not more than 10, a general technical score of at least 110, have no court martial convictions, normal color vision, 36 months obligated service upon completion of the Basic Special Agent course and be able to obtain and maintain a top secret clearance. Interested soldiers should contact their nearest CID office or visit the CID website at www.cid.army.mil. (ARNEWS)

Photo winners

Congratulations to the local 104th Area Support Group winners at the All-Army Photography Contest. The five individuals recognized for their outstanding work are: **Sgt. Cherokee D. St. Pierre** of Hanau who took first place in the color print category and Best of Show honors for "Eerie;" **1st Lt. Carlos Garcia** of Hanau who won second place in the black and white category for "Simplicity;" **Sgt. Benjamin Carter** of Friedberg who took third place in the black and white category for "See No Evil, Hear No Evil, Speak No Evil;" **Erin Hart** of Friedberg who earned a second place, black and white, for "Training For The Toddler;" and **David Welker** of Wiesbaden who earned an honorable mention, color print, for "Sax of Gold."

Nursing scholarships

Army spouses and family members who want to be nurses can apply for a Health and Human Services-sponsored scholarship that pays tuition and other costs. The scholarship carries a required service obligation, which may be completed in a military treatment facility. Those interested must apply by June 30. Scholarship applicants must be U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals and enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full- or part-time student in an accredited school of nursing in a professional program. For details browse to <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/nursing/scholarship>. (Office of the Army Surgeon General Release)

ICE, ICE baby

Have you made your voice heard through the Interactive Customer Evaluation system yet? Submit an online comment card by visiting the 104th Area Support Group's home page at www.104thasg.hanau.army.mil and clicking on "Customer feedback."



Photo by Sgt. Vernell Hall



Photo by Sgt. Albert Eaddy

Images from Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom

Soldiers assigned to the 403rd Civil Affairs Battalion attend a school opening, Qual-E-Sahara, within the Province of Parwan in Afghanistan, June 2. Some of the local girls that will be attending the school sit in the audience. The school was funded by the Overseas Humanitarian Disaster and Civic Action program during Operation Enduring Freedom. Photo right: A soldier of Baumholder's Company C, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry, conducts a foot patrol in a local marketplace to get a sense of the local people's feelings on the U.S. presence in Fallujah, Iraq.

Vote online in 2004 election

DoD starts secure Internet registration and voting drive

The Federal Voting Assistance Program, in conjunction with several states and counties, has begun conducting a large Internet registration and voting demonstration for the 2004 election.

The congressionally mandated project is called SERVE which stands for Secure Electronic Registration and Voting Experiment.

Thousands of absentee uniformed services personnel, their dependents and overseas U.S. citizens will have the opportunity to register to vote and cast their ballots from any Windows-based computer with Internet ac-

cess, anywhere in the world. County election officials will use the SERVE system to receive voter registration applications, provide ballots to voters and accept voted ballots.

These officials will use their existing election administration systems to process registrations and ballots.

"Security is everyone's first question about Internet voting, so we made security the driving factor in the SERVE system design," said Polli Brunelli, FVAP director. "We are working closely with state and local election officials to ensure that the integrity of the

electoral process is maintained."

States currently expected to participate in SERVE are Arkansas, Florida, Hawaii, Minnesota, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah and Washington.

Brunelli said all eligible uniformed services personnel and U.S. citizens overseas are encouraged to use SERVE to register and vote in 2004 by logging on to www.serveusa.gov. The Federal Voting Assistance Program is an element of the Department of Defense. For more information browse to www.fvap.gov. (DoD News)

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tary spouse preference has increased, child care has changed. It's just a phenomenal program that proposes changes that fit with the transformation of today's Army."

AFAP is a year-round process beginning with forums held at the local installation. From there the issues move to the base support battalion commander's steering committee and if they cannot be resolved locally, they are elevated to the area support group level. If the issues cannot be resolved at their level, the ASG elevates them to the USAREUR level.

This year 28 issues came forward from the ASGs. Delegates representing ASGs Europe-wide were detailed to select which issues would be prioritized into the USAREUR plan. If the issues cannot be solved at this level, they will be forwarded to the Army level.

Once there, delegates will review and determine which are most deserving of the attention of the Army leadership.

For each issue a subject matter expert was on hand to help the delegates at every level,

said Edda Chilson, AFAP coordinator for IMA-Europe Region.

"Issues that came to us and didn't go forward are not going to get put on a back burner," Chilson added. "They will be sent back to their communities and the local commander will determine whether they can be worked at the local level or be resubmitted through the process again next year."

The Department of the Army has adopted many past initiatives from Europe. "Historically, we've had a good percentage of our issues go forward," said Gibbons, adding that right now there are several being worked on at the Army level.

"I cannot emphasize enough how practical this process is," Gibbons said. "If people get involved in the process locally, either through town hall meetings or an AFAP conference, it's amazing what the impact could be."

"The issues we've been dealing with started in some community — one person thought it was important enough to bring to his or her commander," she said. "This process probably has more impact than any

other process, and it reaches every aspect of Army life."

It's given leaders a means to assess problems quickly and react to them immediately, said Russell Hall, IMA-Europe Region director. "Leaders depend on the AFAP as a continuing, real time 'finger on the pulse' of the Army's most important asset — its people," Hall said.

In his address to the AFAP delegates, Gen. B.B. Bell, USAREUR and 7th Army commander, said he likes the issues that were presented to him, and he will do his part to bring them to the attention of Army leadership in Washington.

"Once these issues get into the system for coordination they will be worked," Bell explained. "Getting these issues in the system is important. I guarantee that your voice is not heard otherwise."

"The system does work and we're a better Army for what you do," Bell told the delegates. "You've actually helped make the Army a better place for soldiers, families and civilians."

News and features

What I'll do on my summer vacation

Teachers, principals head out for adventure

By David Ruderman

104th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office

Department of Defense Dependents Schools teachers know how to head for the hills when schools close for summer. Some light out for exotic destinations that make other mere mortals shake their heads in wonder.

"I am going to fulfill a 30-year dream," said Chris Criley, learning impaired teacher at Gen.



Chris Criley

H.H. Arnold High School, who will tour the Andes Mountains of Peru. "I saw photos of the Nazca lines when I was in junior high school and thought it was extremely intriguing."

Criley will land in Lima June 16 and begin a gradual ascent to the top of the world. "We start our progressing to Cuzco and then on to Machu Picchu." She will be carrying oxygen pills, just in case, she said. "I also have a continent goal. This will be my sixth continent. The last is Antarctica, which is on my Christmas list for 2005. And then if I'm really lucky, Easter Island for a week."

"I have a wedding reception to attend," said Jeff O'Neil, social studies and history teacher at Baumholder American High School. The unusual part is that it will be his own. Having gotten married swiftly in April the O'Neils had to fly right back to Baumholder after spring break, and they will return to the bride's home, Virginia Beach, Va., for a more extensive celebration June 28.

Wayne Dozark, Neubrücke Elementary School principal, is going to visit family in Tampa, Fla., and then travel on to a big family reunion in Denison, Iowa. "It's the hometown of Donna Reed," he said. Much of his family still lives roughly in the Midwest and the Rockies, and the reunion has been in the planning for two years. "If we don't get over 100 people I'll be surprised."

Gen. H.H. Arnold's Pat Strobel will spend

a week on Maui at a workshop to develop language arts lab curriculum and spend a few days sightseeing in paradise, but the highlight of her summer will involve being surrounded by less mighty bodies of water than the Pacific Ocean.

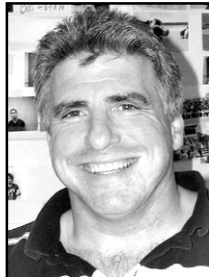
"I'll be spending a week on a 'narrow boat,' cruising the English canals around Nottingham. The boat's six feet wide and 20 feet long, and it only goes five miles per hour. Even though I know next to nothing about canal navigation, lock operation and docking maneuvers, I probably won't do too much damage, except to my bank account at the local lace markets and country fairs."

Rock and roll, a high school reunion and traditional family get-togethers will fill the summer months for Wiesbaden Warrior coach Darryl Schwartz. "I always try to have a great and exciting summer. While in the United States I'm planning on going to see Bruce Springsteen, Bon Jovi — and my wife is going to see REO Speedwagon, and I might go with her."

Schwartz will head to Boston for an annual family reunion. "I'll be staying with my brother, my nephews, a niece and my brother is flying in from Bitburg. We're also going to Falls Church, Va., and Las Vegas." The high school computer applications teacher will wrap up the summer by heading back to Massachusetts for his own 30th high school reunion.

"I am going to play Aunt Sue to my nieces and nephews in New Hampshire and Massachusetts," said Sue Morin, principal of Butzbach Elementary School. "It's beautiful — it's just peaceful, there's hardly any traffic, it's off the beaten path and it's serene." There's also the possibility to indulge in white water rafting for "the splash of excitement," she said.

Wherever they go, we wish them well, knowing we'll hear their tales of summer adventure retold in scholarly detail when schools open again in September. (Karl Weisel contributed to this article)



Darryl Schwartz



Photo by Spc. Andrew Meissner

An Iraqi kitten is safe again thanks to the efforts of 1st Armored Division soldiers.

Operation: Free Iraqi Kitty 1st AD soldiers come to the rescue

By Spc. Andrew Meissner

1st Armored Division Public Affairs Office

In October 1987 the nation's compassion was with a baby named Jessica McClure who had fallen into a well. Sixteen years later in Baghdad, the same scene was being played out with a kitten at the Baghdad International Airport in the 1st Armored Division's Headquarters and Headquarters Company living area.

Dubbed "Operation: Free Iraqi Kitty," the three-day ordeal began when soldiers noticed the cries of the stranded cat. Staff Sgt. Brett Burroughs, a supply sergeant with HHC, decided to liberate the kitten from an untimely demise at the bottom of a cramped crawlspace. Early rescue attempts were hindered by the skittish nature of the half-starved cat. An open pipe at the bottom of the crawlspace provided a retreat for the baby cat, which would crawl into the pipe and out of the reach of the sergeant.

Burroughs employed a number of devices to keep the frightened kitten from moving back into the pipe. The first attempt at sealing the pipe consisted of luring the kitten out with tuna and then dropping a sandbag over the pipe entrance. This plan proved too risky for the kitten's safety. Burroughs found another way of closing off the escape route — a long piece of lumber with some cardboard nailed to one end.

The saga of the trapped cat became big news in the company area.

Spc. Justin Nalley, a supply clerk assigned to HHC, lent a hand during the crisis, but the whole plan was brought to completion by Maj. Gregg Softy, the division's headquarters commandant.

"I had spent three or four hours one night trying to locate the kitten," said Softy, "Once I did, I put [Staff] Sgt. Burroughs in charge of the operation."

Although Burroughs attended the site off and on over the three-day period, the glory of the actual rescue goes to Staff Sgts. Bill Smith and Paul Ralston, clarinet players with the division band. While Burroughs was on a short rest break, the two sergeants saw the kitten had exited the pipe and plucked it from the darkened hole.

After the baby cat was extracted, its mother took it back immediately. When last seen, the litter was back together with the mother cat safely in their living space underneath one of the large pieces of warehouse equipment in the area.

Although Burroughs did not get the satisfaction of personally liberating the kitten, he acknowledged his relief that the Iraqi cat was saved by other caring Iron Soldiers.

"It was suffering," said Burroughs, "and we couldn't just stand by while an animal suffers."



Photo by Spc. Andrew Meissner

Sgt. Leslie Raphael and fellow members of 1-4th Air Defense Artillery shop for items at the newly opened "McCulley Barracks Annex" in Iraq.

Mini PX enhances Iraq duty

The soldiers of 1st Armored Division's 1st Battalion, 4th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, live far removed from the bustle of town and the area's only Army Air Force Exchange Service's main store at Baghdad International Airport.

Their small "palace" sports stone statuary, marble floors, grand chandeliers — and only recently a new mini post exchange. The small, but well-stocked PX, makes the 1-4th ADA manor the envy of all 1st Armored Division soldiers.

To help the morale and well-being of his soldiers, battalion com-

mander, Lt. Col. Christopher Putko, put a plan into action to open a small, local PX.

Soldiers named their mini PX the "McCulley Barracks Annex" in honor of their home exchange in Wackernheim. They were delighted to find items that just the week before were all but unobtainable.

"This is what we live for," exclaimed Sgt. Leslie Raphael, a battalion personnel administration specialist, as she spied some of her favorite candies on the shelves. "I love these things." (Courtesy of 1st Armored Division Public Affairs Office)

Commander bids farewell to BSB

**Commentary by Lt. Col.
Dennis E. Slagter**
221st Base Support Battalion
commander

For all who've told me countless times they're glad they didn't have my job as community commander, I must admit I am glad too. Why? Because if anyone else had occupied this position, I would have missed out on the most professionally rewarding opportunity an Army officer and family can have.

My heartfelt thanks to all of the members of my BSB and community team, under the superb leadership of my executive officer, Sandy Keefe and Command Sgt. Maj. Smith, for their individual and collective efforts to support our vision for re-establishing a community team that cares about service above self for the benefit of all our customers.

Here are my final TEAM (Together Everyone Accomplishes More) 221st lists.

What we've accomplished that matters (a short list):

- Won Wiesbaden support for security improvements in our housing areas
- Initiated and obtained support for adding PONDS guard force in housing areas
- Eliminated garbage dumpsters from housing areas
- Addressed all community issues over the past two years from the Army Family Action Plan conferences
- Negotiated a fix to a dangerous road condition en route to Dexheim (no Americans have been killed since then)
- Implemented preventive maintenance teams in Wiesbaden (and now Dexheim) housing areas
- Renovated... Wiesbaden Army

Airfield Library; community mailroom; Army Post Office; Community Activity Center; American Arms Hotel hallways and courtyard; McCully Soldier Center; Hainerberg and McCully chapels; Wiesbaden Army Airfield, McCully and Dexheim gyms; Dexheim soldier barracks; Mainz-Kastel parking; skate park, etc.

- Provided professional customer service training for more than 275 community employees using Walt Disney's Pixie Dust trainers
- Developed a Community Master Plan for the 221st BSB
- Implemented a Community Information Channel on AFN for more than 5,000 community members
- Built trust and solid relationships with our more than 13 local mayors and city lord mayors
- Established TEAM 221st as the rallying point for all we say and do

What's on the horizon this summer:

- ★ Housing area parking lots — Hainerberg and Crestview will get three to four more parking lots this year
- ★ APO/CMR parking improvements at Wiesbaden Army Airfield
- ★ Family Life Counseling Center in the former CMR building on WAAF
- ★ Community Youth Extension Services in Aukamm Housing
- ★ Community Activity Center on WAAF at the former Catering Center
- ★ Victory Point Bar and Keller on WAAF
- ★ BOSS Lounge on WAAF

Why we're grateful for the opportunity to serve with you:

- ☺ You've allowed me to learn and grow too
- ☺ You've forgiven my missteps

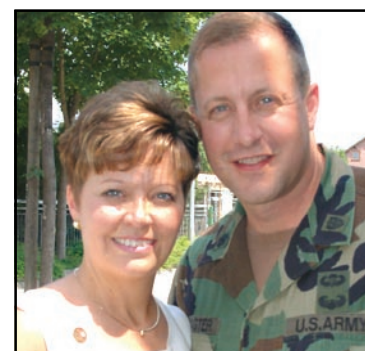
and mistakes

☺ You've given of yourself for the good of the community. I am especially grateful to the senior spouses and all community family members for their partnership and commitment to helping us improve our community.

☺ You've been kind to my family and me. My family looks forward to remaining in this community another year and will be supporting

Lt. Col. Chris and Barb Franks along with you while I will deploy with 1st Armored Division.

We truly are a diverse, dispersed and developing community. Jan and I wish you all well as you continue to support each other during this period of deployment and transition. Please join us at Minue Field behind the 1st AD Headquarters at 11 a.m., June 18, for the 221st BSB change of command ceremony.



Lt. Col. Dennis and Jan Slagter



Photo by Ellen Hart

Remembering the fallen

The Wiesbaden community mourned two of their own during services May 30 at the Hainerberg Chapel. Staff Sgt. Brett J. Petriken and Pvt. 2 Kenneth A. Nalley, both of the 501st Military Police Company, were killed when a heavy equipment transporter crossed a median and struck the vehicle the two soldiers were in while escorting a convoy in As Samawah, Iraq, May 26.